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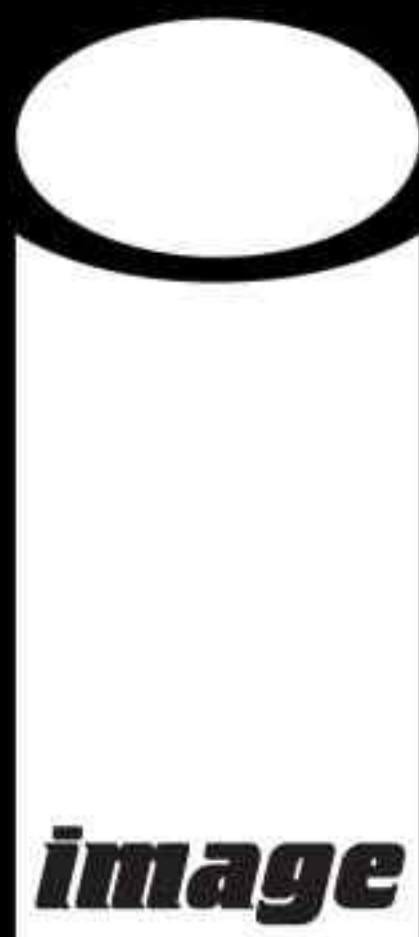


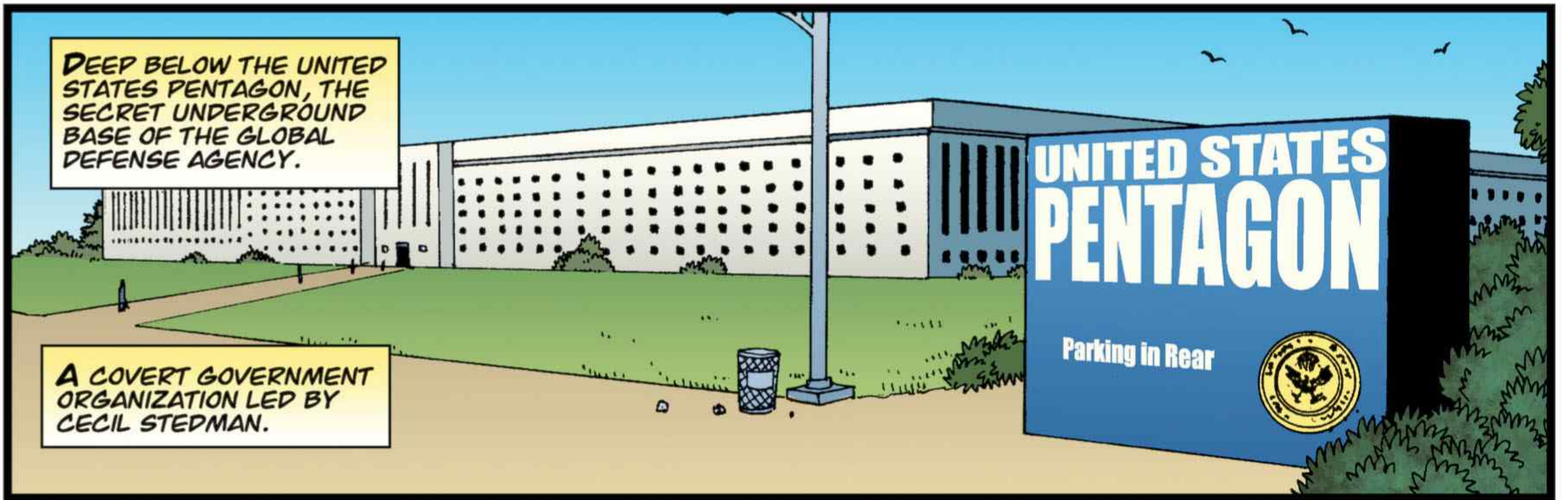
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HURRY!
GET THEM
RESTRAINED
BEFORE THEY
AWAKEN!

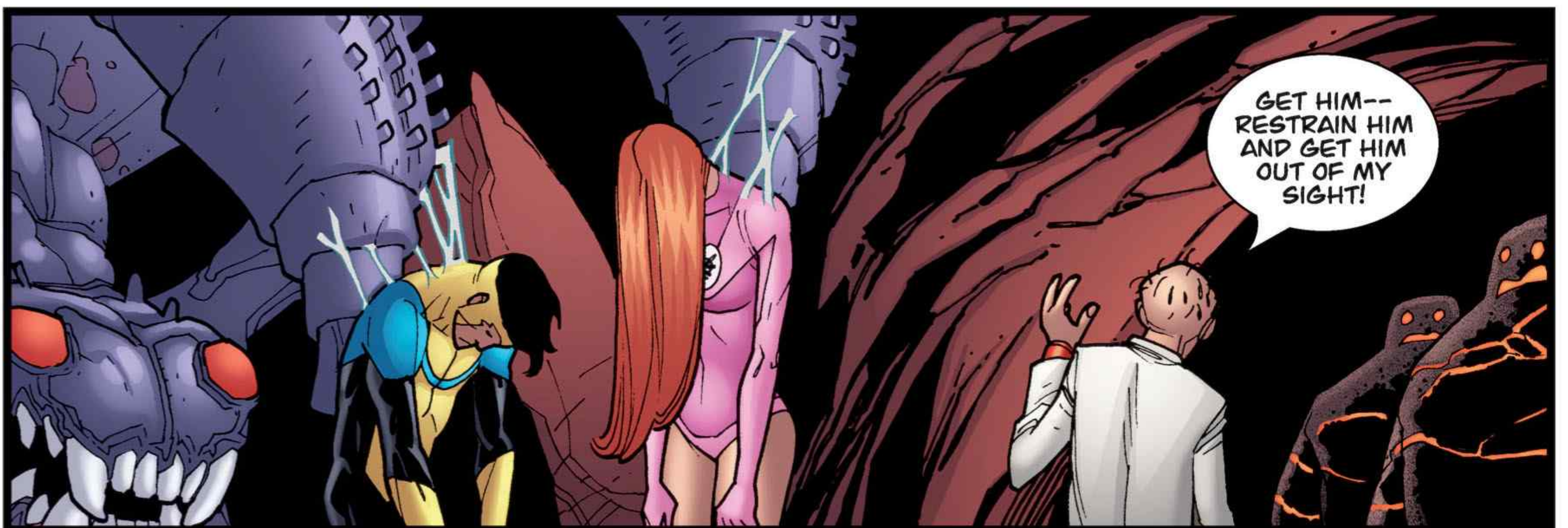
AND KEEP
AN EYE ON THOSE
TWO--I DON'T
KNOW *HOW* THEY
GOT OUT IN
THE FIRST
PLACE!

YOU--THIS IS ALL ABOUT
YOU, DID YOU KNOW THAT?
YOU STARTED ALL THIS. IT
WAS YOU WHO SENT ME
FALLING DEEP INTO THE
EARTH--CAUSED ME TO
DISCOVER THIS UNDER-
GROUND PARADISE, AND
THE LEGIONS OF UNDER
EARTH WHO DWELL
WITHIN.

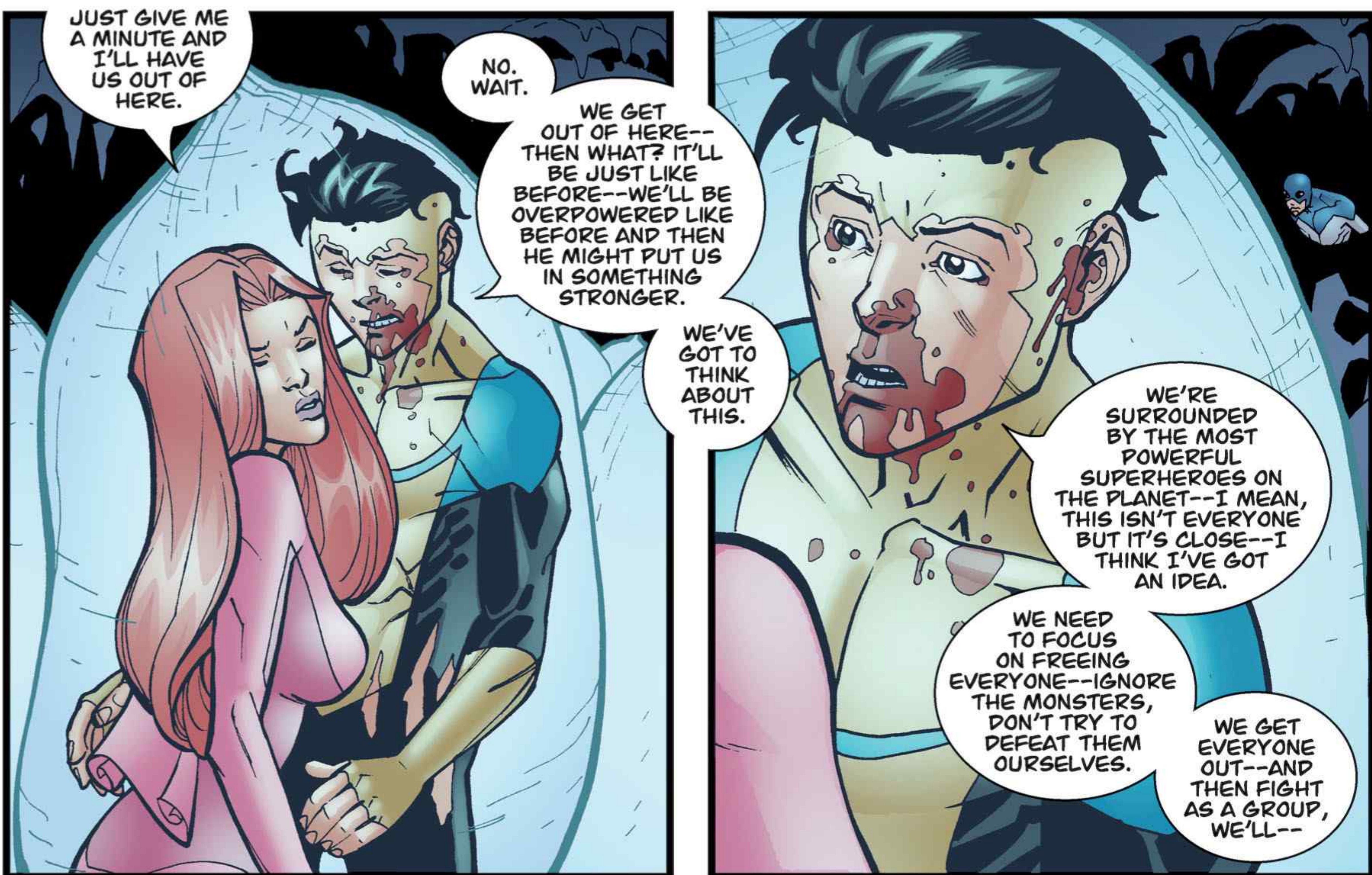
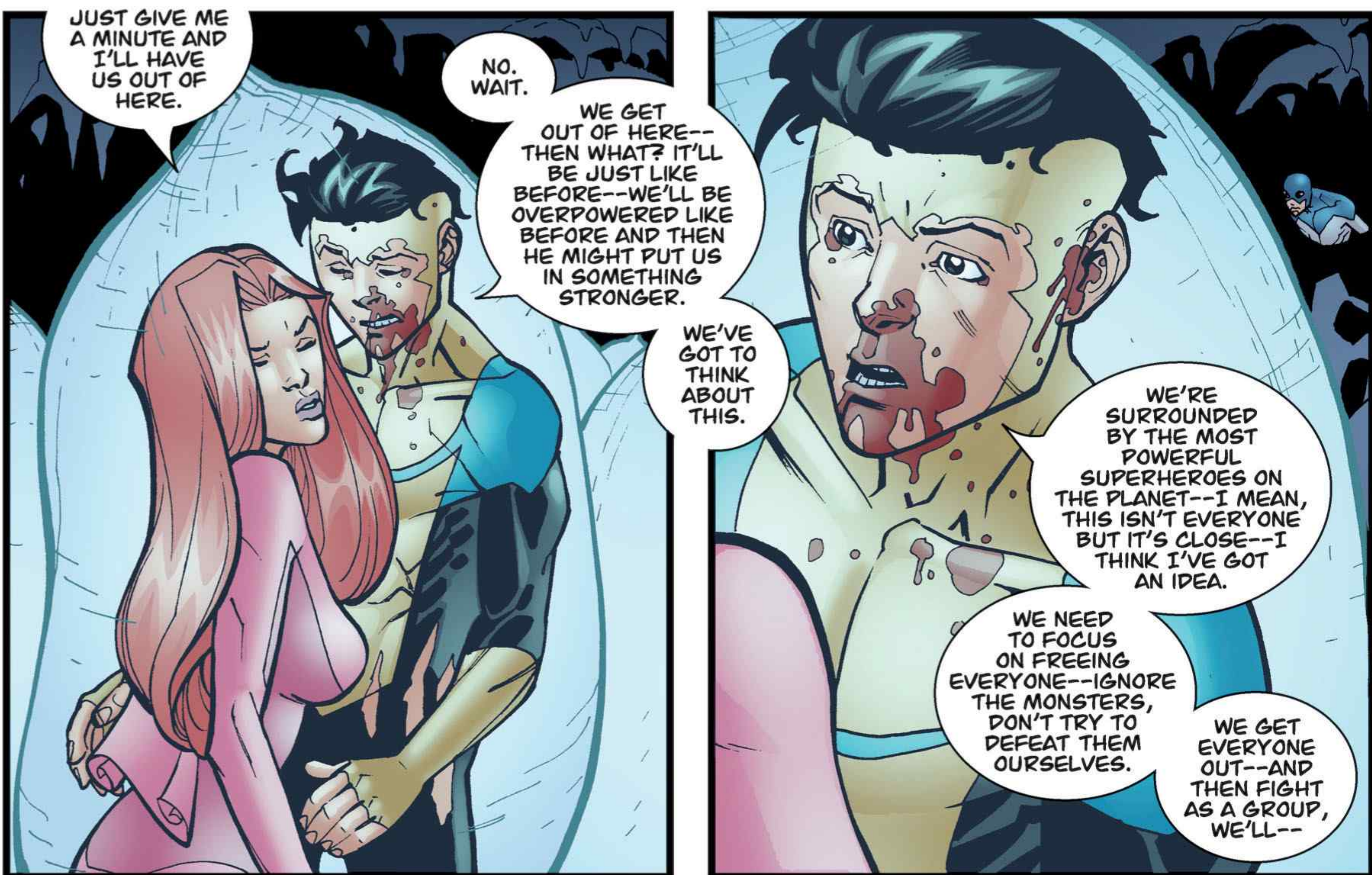
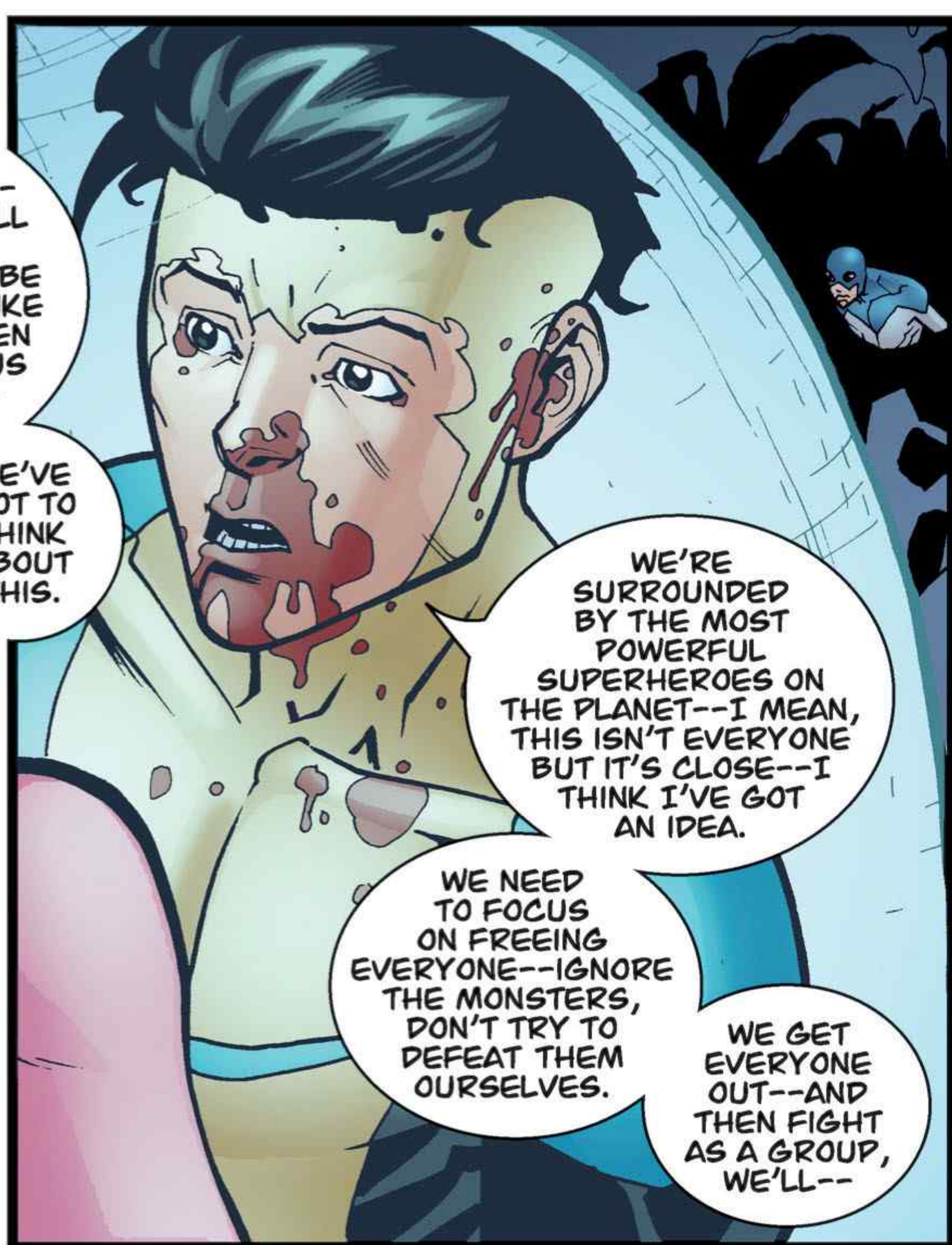
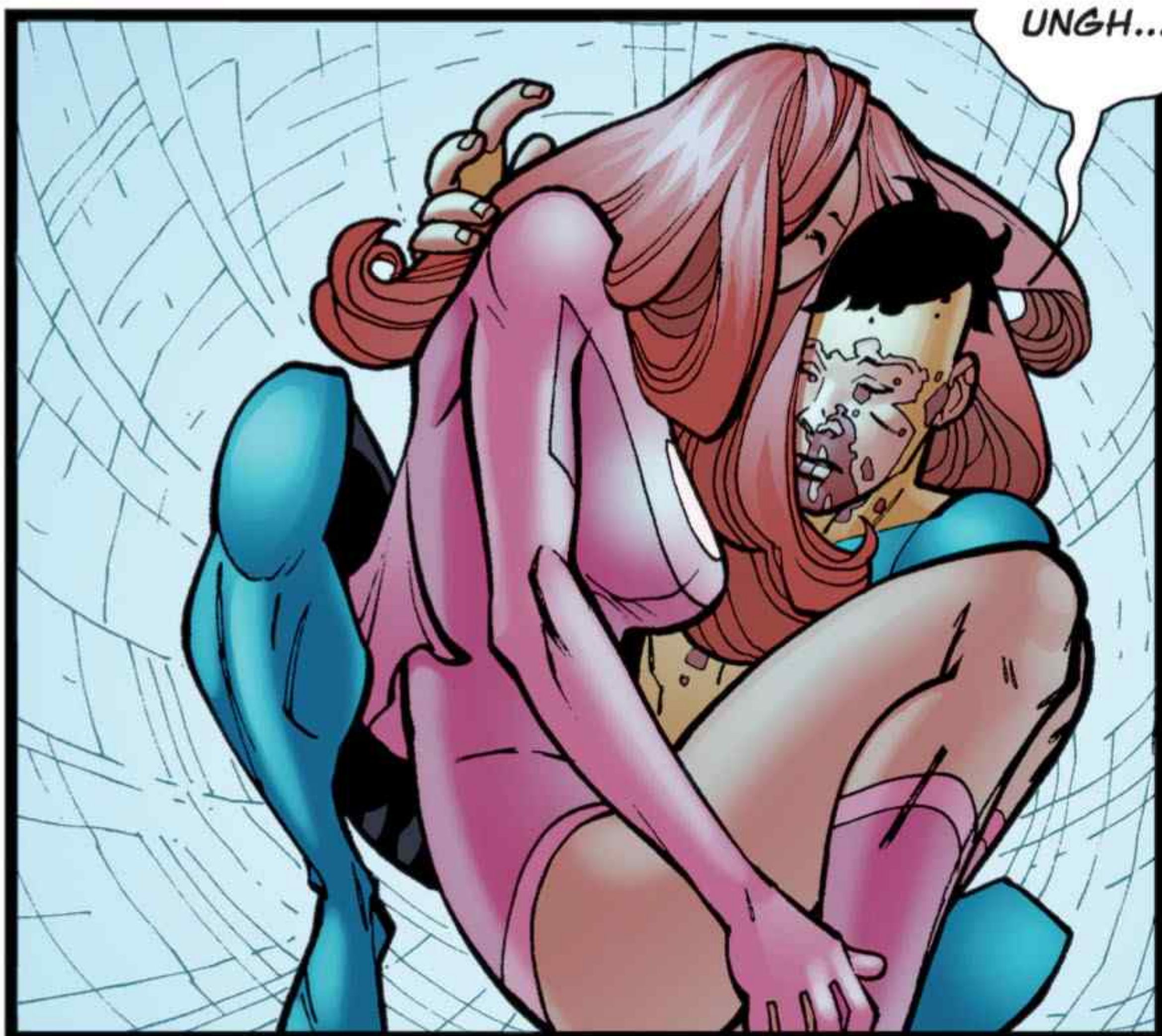
I WAS
GRATEFUL TO
YOU. HAPPY WITH
MY NEW LIFE...
WILLING TO LIVE IT
OUT AMONG
MY NEW
PEOPLE.

YOU WERE THE ONE
WHO TOOK ME TO THE
SURFACE, INCARCERATED
ME! SHOWED ME THAT I
WOULD NEVER BE LEFT
ALONE--NEVER
FORGOTTEN!

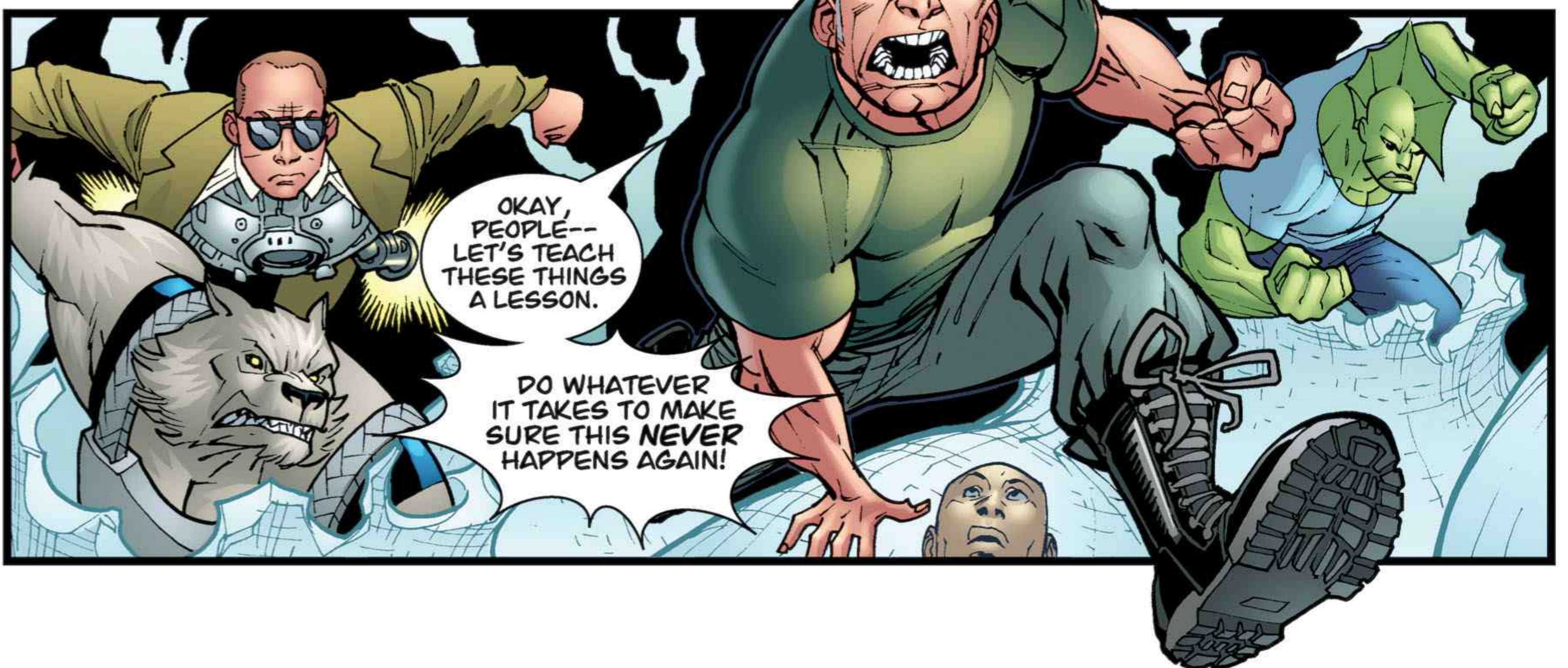
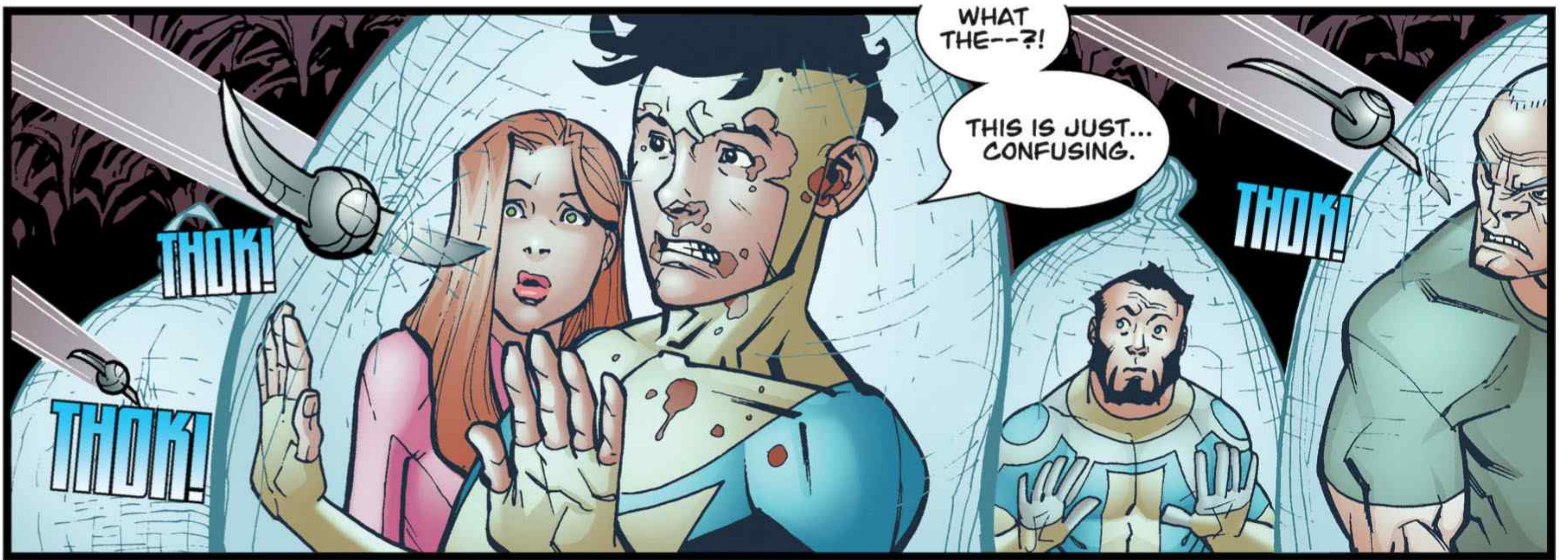
I'M
DOING THIS
BECAUSE
OF YOU!

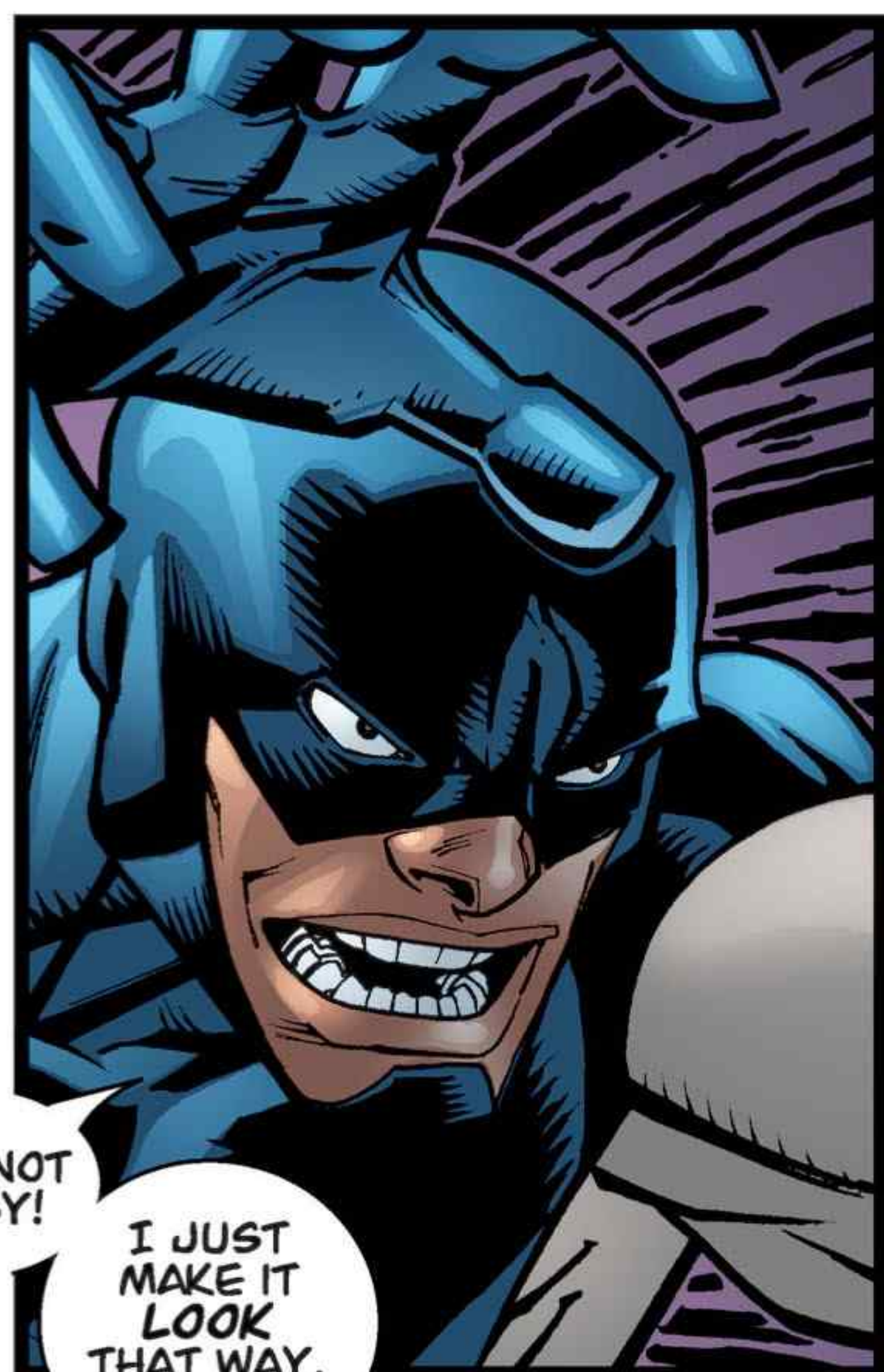


GET HIM--
RESTRAIN HIM
AND GET HIM
OUT OF MY
SIGHT!

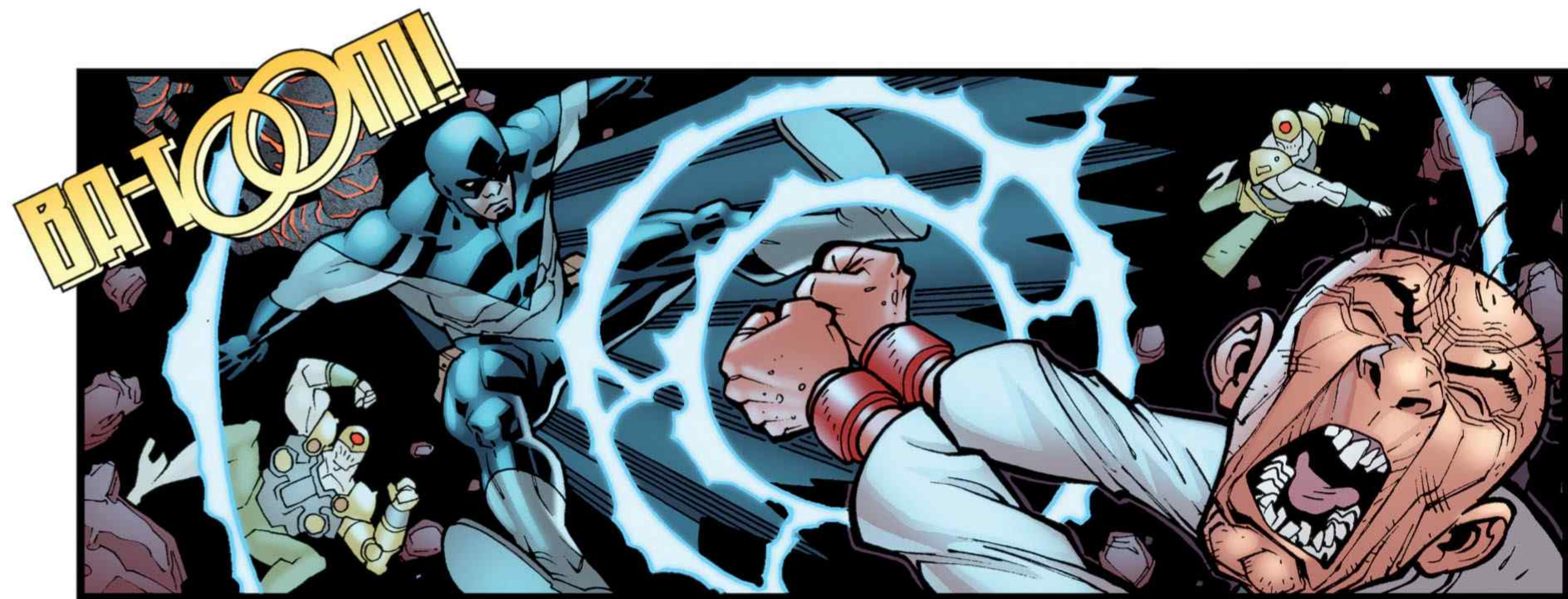












THERE'S STILL SOME FIGHT LEFT IN THIS OLD DOG! BUT I'M NO FOOL--I CAN SEE THE WRITING ON THE WALL.

MAYBE THIS IS IT-- MAYBE IT'S ALL BUT OVER. BY WORKING TOGETHER, YOU MAY BE ABLE TO DEFEAT MY LEGIONS OF UNDER-EARTH!

BUT IF THIS IS IT, IF I'M GOING DOWN--I'M TAKING EVERY ONE OF YOU WITH ME!

I DON'T THINK SO.

YOU!

YOU THINK YOU'RE FAST ENOUGH TO STOP ME BEFORE I BRING THIS CAVE DOWN ON EVERYONE?

I AM-- AND YOU KNOW I AM.

YOU, THIS IS ALL BECAUSE OF YOU. I WIDENED MY FOCUS TOO MUCH THIS TIME. YOU WERE THE ONE I WANTED--THE ONE WHO NEEDED TO PAY.

NEXT TIME, AND THERE WILL BE A NEXT TIME--I'LL JUST COME AFTER YOU. WE'LL SEE HOW WELL YOU FARE AGAINST ME THEN.

OLD MAN, ARE YOU GOING TO MAKE ME PUNCH YOU?

I'M GOING TO MAKE YOU TRY.









STAND DOWN,
INVINCIBLE!

RIGHT
NOW!



HE--HE
MURDERED PEOPLE.
HE WAS A COLD-
BLOODED KILLER.
WHY DOESN'T
ANYONE KNOW
ABOUT THIS?



I HAVE KNOWN
DARKWING FOR
SOME TIME, BACK
IN HIS DAYS AS
NIGHT BOY WHEN
HE WORKED WITH
THE ORIGINAL
DARKWING.

ARROGANT,
YES--BUT
NEVER A
KILLER.



I WAS THERE--I
SAW HIM. WASN'T
THIS ALL OVER THE
NEWS? I THOUGHT
EVERYONE KNEW
ABOUT THIS.

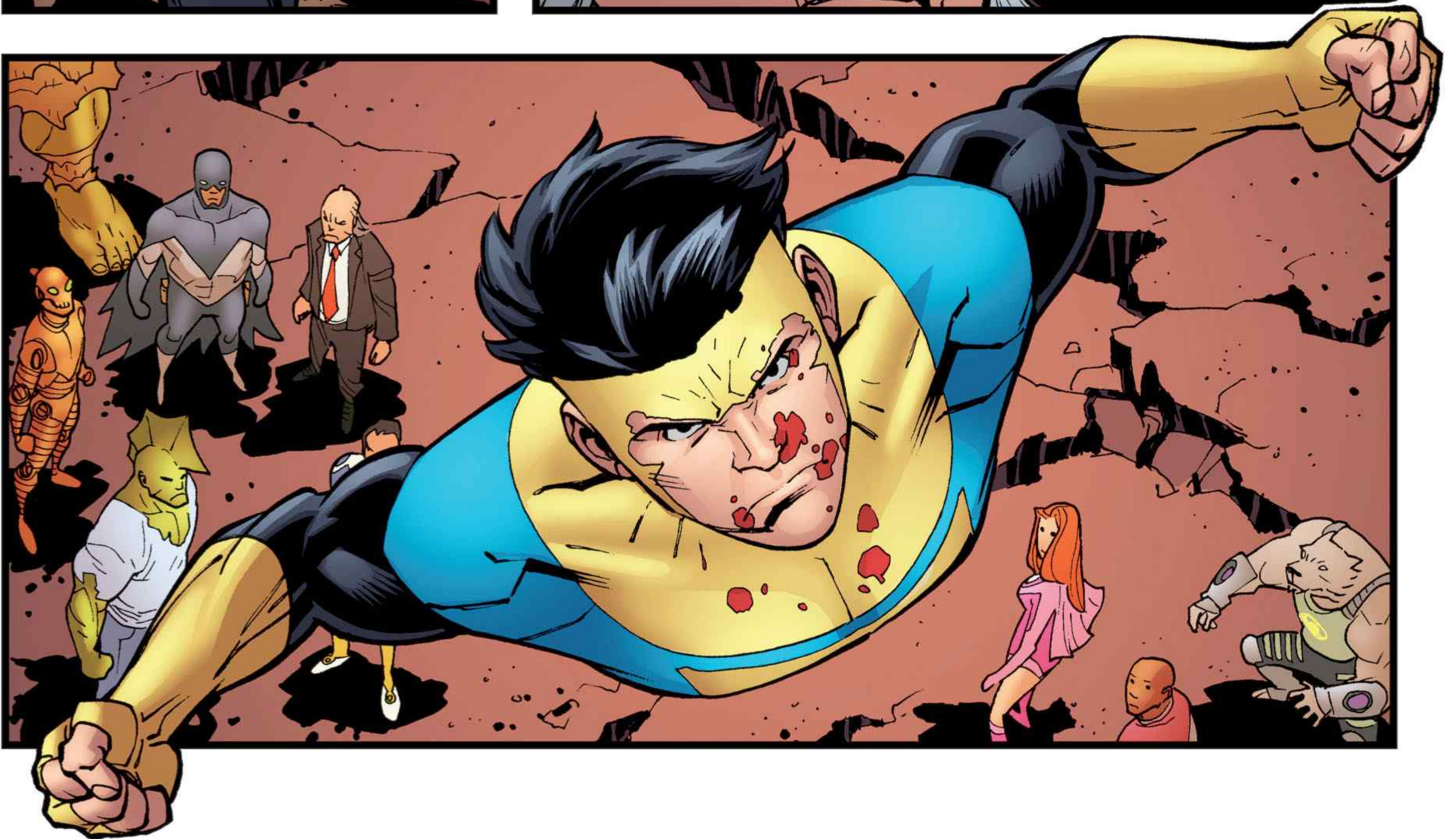
WE'LL
TALK ABOUT
THIS
LATER.

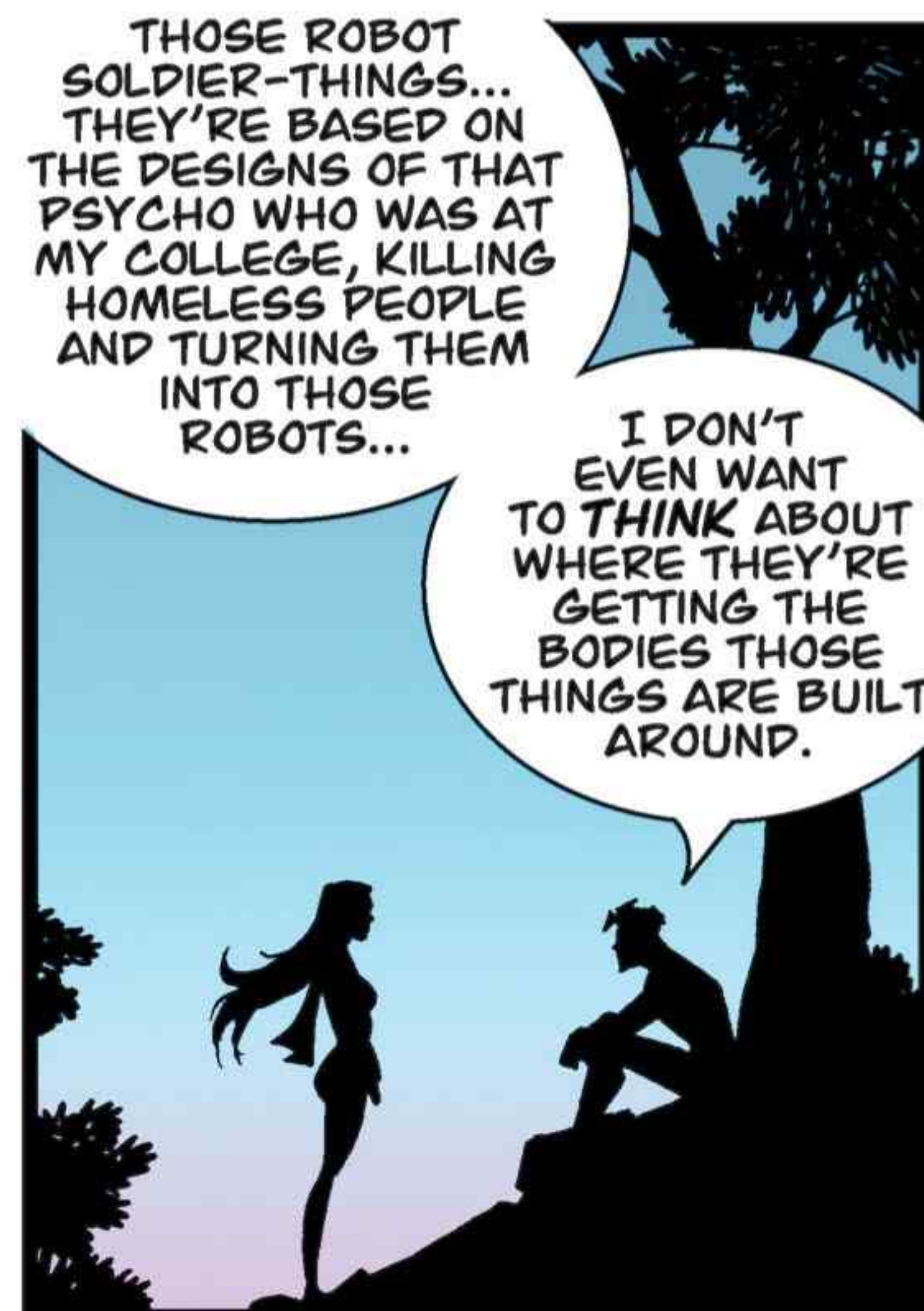
BUT--



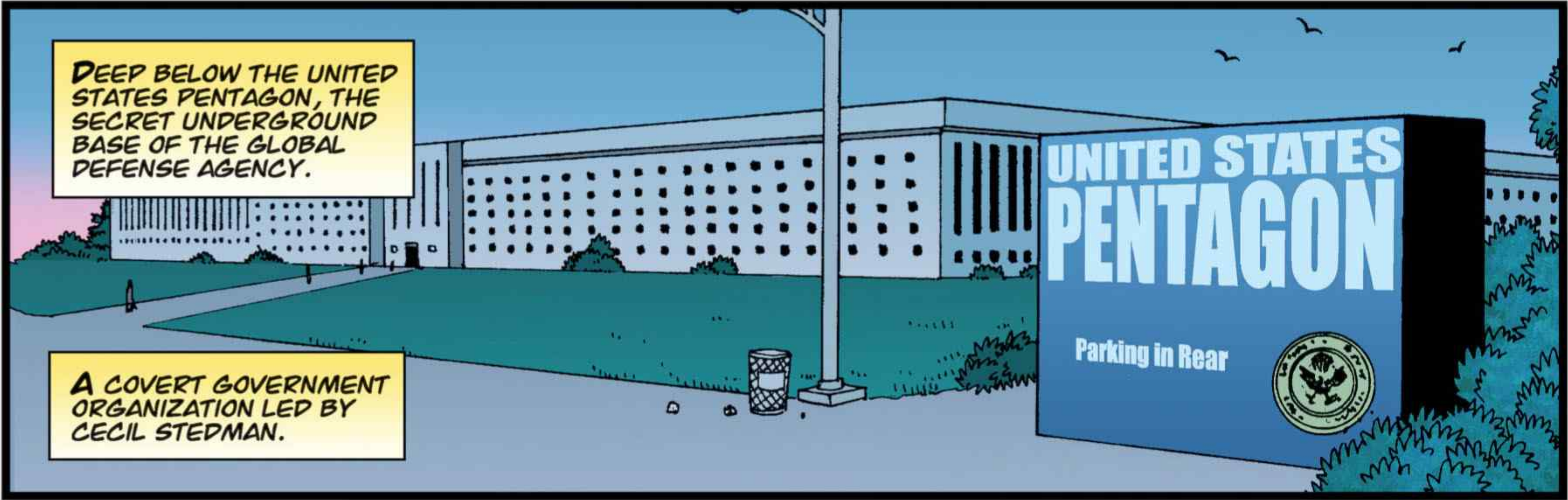
KID,
WE'LL TALK
ABOUT THIS
LATER.

NOW
GET OUT
OF HERE.









DEEP BELOW THE UNITED STATES PENTAGON, THE SECRET UNDERGROUND BASE OF THE GLOBAL DEFENSE AGENCY.

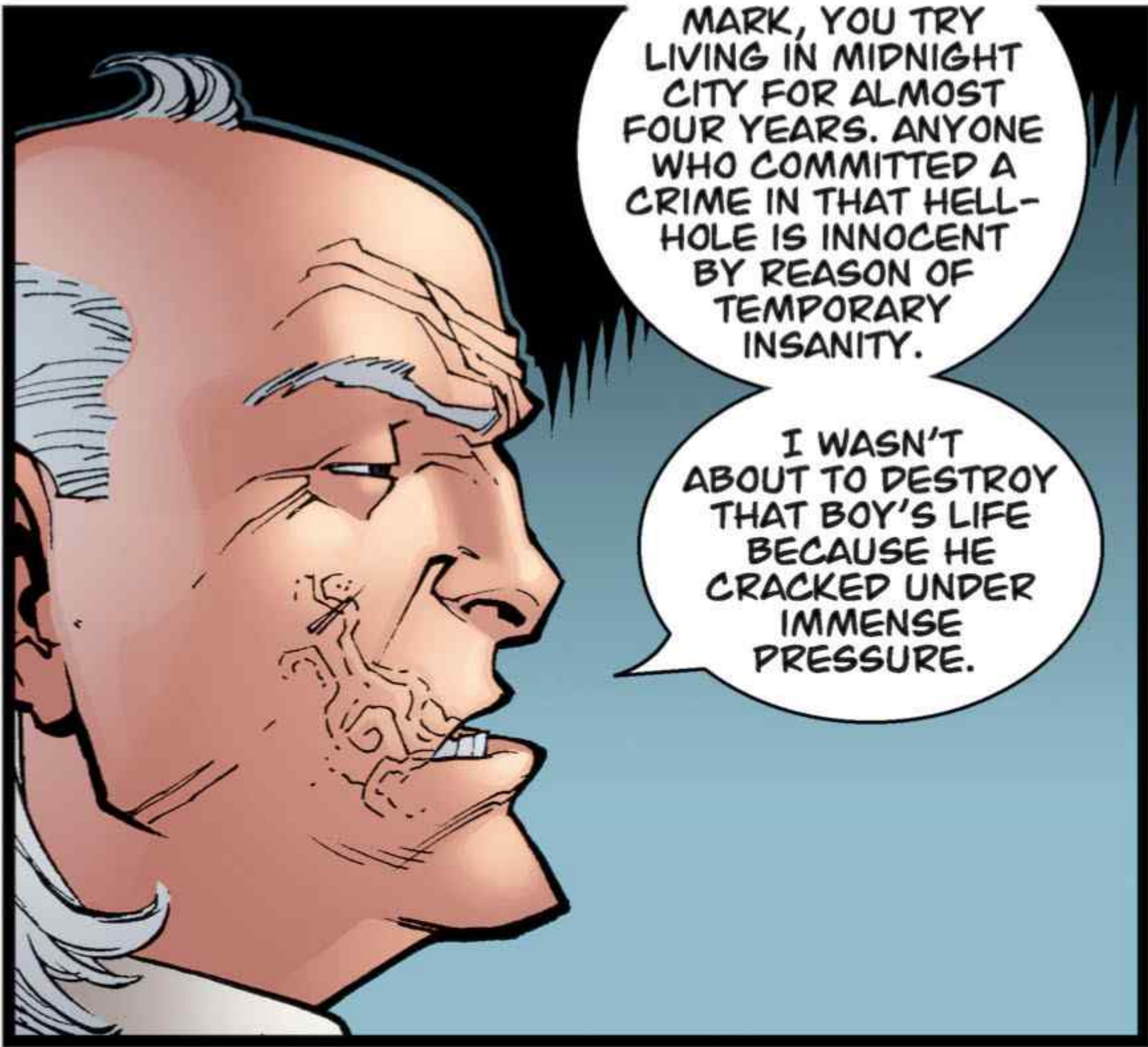
A COVERT GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION LED BY CECIL STEDMAN.



YOU NEVER WENT PUBLIC WITH WHAT DARKWING WAS. YOU SUPPRESSED THE TRUTH SO THAT HE COULD WORK FOR YOU! I KNOW WHAT YOU'VE DONE---I JUST NEED TO KNOW WHY.

YOU KNOW WHY---FOR THE GOOD OF MANKIND.

DARKWING IS A MURDERER-- A PSYCHOPATH. YOU REALLY THINK IT'S SAFE TO HAVE HIM RUNNING FREE?!



MARK, YOU TRY LIVING IN MIDNIGHT CITY FOR ALMOST FOUR YEARS. ANYONE WHO COMMITTED A CRIME IN THAT HELL-HOLE IS INNOCENT BY REASON OF TEMPORARY INSANITY.

I WASN'T ABOUT TO DESTROY THAT BOY'S LIFE BECAUSE HE CRACKED UNDER IMMENSE PRESSURE.



I SEEM TO RECALL YOU NOT BEING SO INNOCENT OF A MURDER CHARGE MYSELF... OR DOES ANGSTROM LEVY NOT COUNT?

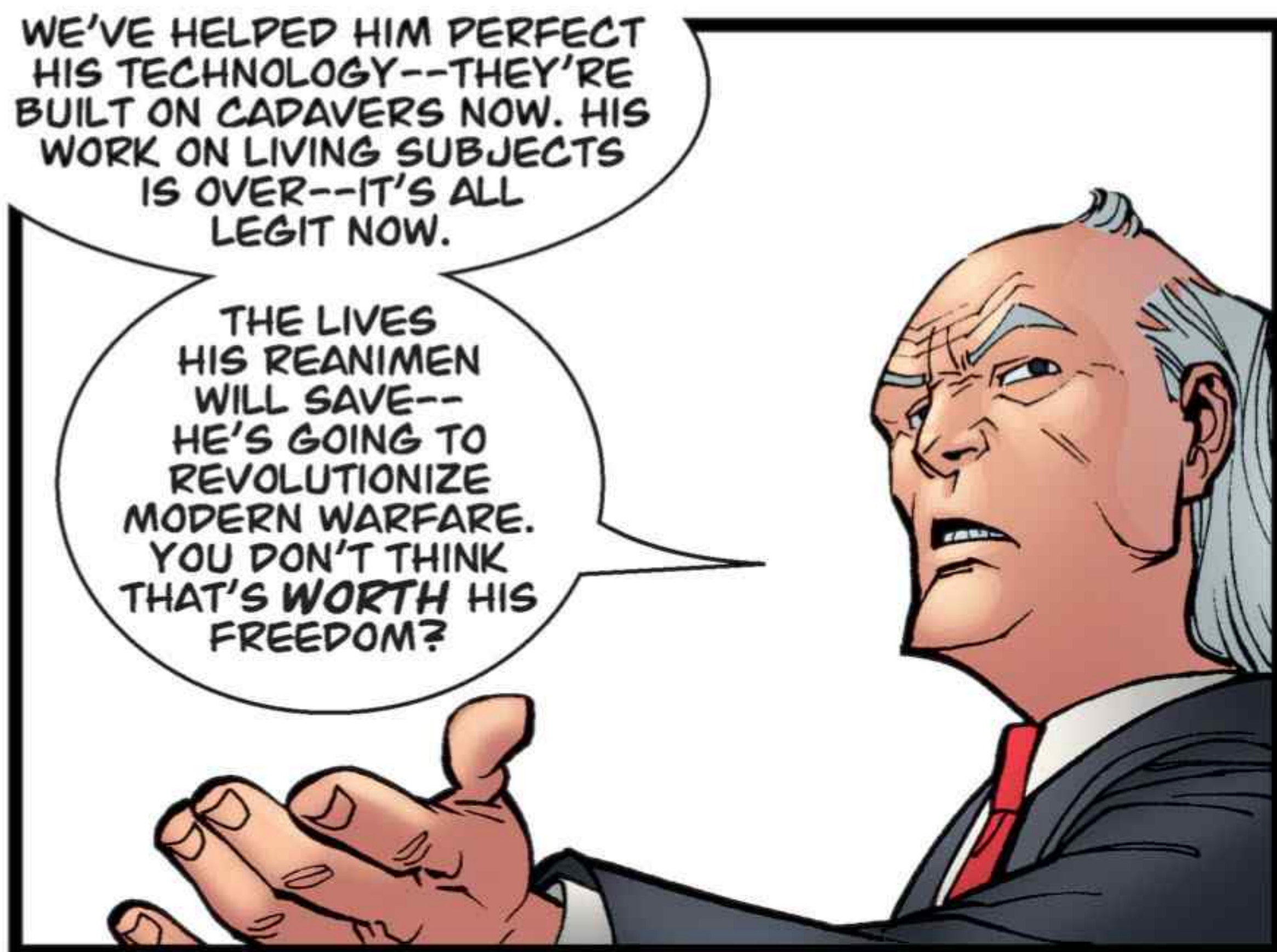
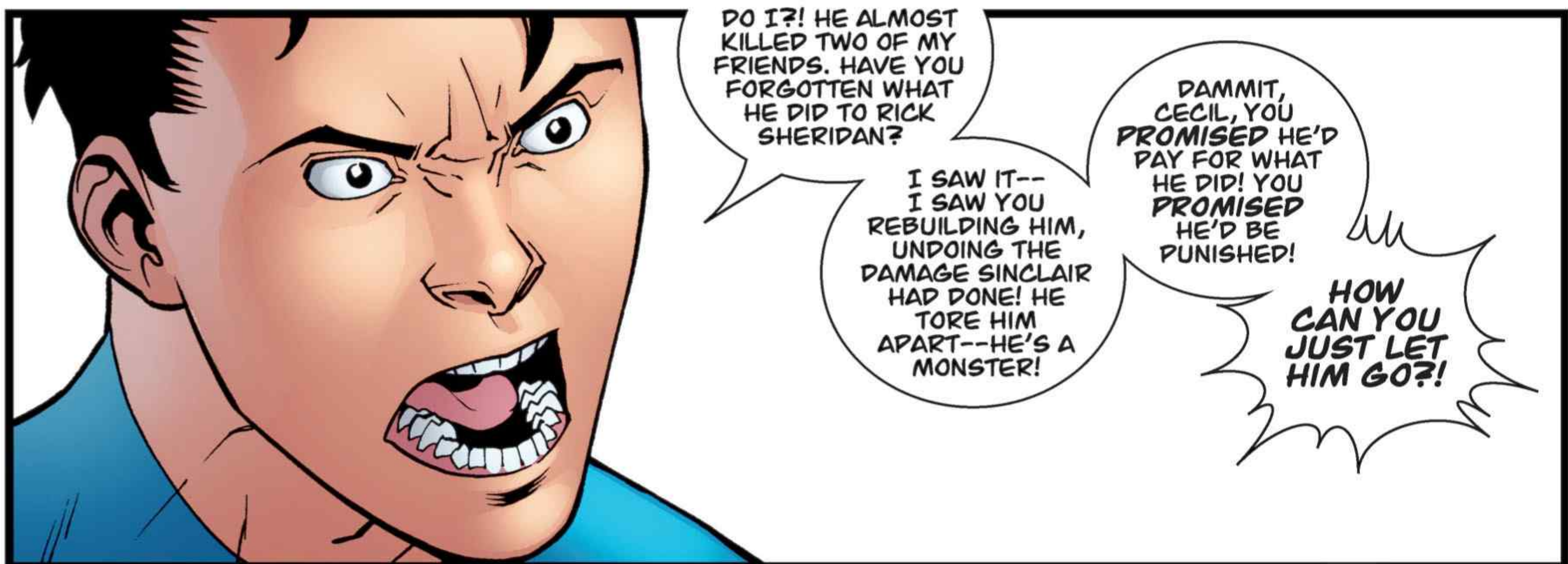
DO YOU EVEN REALIZE THE DOUBLE STANDARD YOU'RE PLACING ON DARKWING?



YOU KNOW THAT IS SO COMPLETELY DIFFERENT!

ANGSTROM LEVY THREATENED TO KILL MY MOTHER! DARKWING WAS---





FOR THE
ELEMENT OF
SURPRISE.

